

Table 59 (page 1 of 2). Respondent-assessed health status according to selected characteristics: United States, selected years 1991–2000

[Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population]

<i>Characteristic</i>	<i>1991</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>1997¹</i>	<i>1998¹</i>	<i>1999¹</i>	<i>2000¹</i>
Percent with fair or poor health ²						
Total ^{3,4}	10.4	10.6	9.2	9.1	8.9	9.0
Age						
Under 18 years	2.6	2.6	2.1	1.8	1.6	1.7
Under 6 years	2.7	2.7	1.9	1.5	1.4	1.5
6–17 years	2.6	2.5	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.8
18–44 years	6.1	6.6	5.3	5.3	5.1	5.1
18–24 years	4.8	4.5	3.4	3.2	3.4	3.2
25–44 years	6.4	7.2	5.9	5.9	5.6	5.7
45–54 years	13.4	13.4	11.7	11.6	11.5	11.9
55–64 years	20.7	21.4	18.2	18.0	18.5	17.9
65 years and over	29.0	28.3	26.7	26.7	26.1	27.0
65–74 years	26.0	25.6	23.1	23.9	22.7	22.6
75 years and over	33.6	32.2	31.5	30.4	30.2	32.2
Sex ³						
Male	10.0	10.1	8.8	8.8	8.6	8.8
Female	10.8	11.1	9.7	9.4	9.2	9.3
Race ^{3,5}						
White only	9.6	9.7	8.3	8.2	8.0	8.2
Black or African American only	16.8	17.2	15.8	15.7	14.6	14.6
American Indian and Alaska Native only	18.3	18.7	17.3	17.6	14.7	17.2
Asian only	7.8	9.3	7.8	7.1	8.6	7.4
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander only	*	*	*	*	*	*
2 or more races	---	---	---	---	12.9	16.4
Black or African American; White	---	---	---	---	*20.5	14.6
American Indian and Alaska Native; White	---	---	---	---	14.5	18.8
Hispanic origin and race ^{3,5}						
Hispanic or Latino	15.6	15.1	13.0	13.1	11.9	12.9
Mexican	17.0	16.7	13.1	13.5	12.3	12.9
Not Hispanic or Latino	#	#	#	#	8.6	8.7
White only	9.1	9.1	8.0	7.8	7.7	7.9
Black or African American only	16.8	17.3	15.8	15.8	14.6	14.6
Poverty status ^{3,6}						
Poor	22.8	23.7	21.4	22.2	21.7	20.9
Near poor	14.7	15.5	14.6	15.6	14.9	15.3
Nonpoor	6.8	6.7	6.1	5.7	6.1	6.3
Hispanic origin and race and poverty status ^{3,5,6}						
Hispanic or Latino:						
Poor	23.6	22.7	19.8	21.7	18.9	19.1
Near poor	18.0	16.9	14.0	15.3	14.2	16.5
Nonpoor	9.3	8.7	8.8	7.9	8.2	8.4
Not Hispanic or Latino:						
White only:						
Poor	21.9	22.8	20.6	21.3	20.5	20.1
Near poor	14.0	14.8	14.1	15.3	14.5	14.7
Nonpoor	6.4	6.2	5.7	5.3	5.7	5.8
Black or African American only:						
Poor	25.8	27.7	25.6	26.3	27.2	25.3
Near poor	17.0	19.3	19.5	19.3	18.2	19.4
Nonpoor	10.9	9.9	9.6	9.0	8.6	9.6

See footnotes at end of table.

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Geographic region³						
	Percent with fair or poor health²					
Northeast	8.3	9.1	8.0	7.9	7.5	7.6
Midwest	9.1	9.7	8.1	8.0	8.0	8.0
South	13.1	12.3	10.8	10.9	10.5	10.7
West	9.7	10.1	8.8	8.4	8.7	8.8
Location of residence³						
Within MSA ⁷	9.9	10.1	8.7	8.5	8.3	8.5
Outside MSA ⁷	11.9	12.6	11.1	11.4	11.1	11.1

* Estimates are considered unreliable. Data preceded by an asterisk have a relative standard error of 20–30 percent. Data not shown have a relative standard error of greater than 30 percent.

--- Data not available.

#Estimates calculated upon request.

¹Data starting in 1997 are not strictly comparable with data for earlier years due to the 1997 questionnaire redesign. See Appendix I, National Health Interview Survey.

²See Appendix II, Health status, respondent-assessed.

³Estimates are age adjusted to the year 2000 standard population using six age groups: Under 18 years, 18–44 years, 45–54 years, 55–64 years, 65–74 years, and 75 years and over. See Appendix II, Age adjustment.

⁴Includes all other races not shown separately and unknown poverty status.

⁵Starting with data year 1999, estimates by race and Hispanic origin are tabulated using the 1997 Standards for Federal data on race and ethnicity; prior to data year 1999 the 1977 Standards are used (see Appendix II, Race). Estimates for specific race groups are shown when they meet requirements for statistical reliability and confidentiality. Starting with data year 1999, the categories “White only,” “Black or African American only,” “American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) only,” “Asian only,” and “Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander only” include persons who reported only one racial group; and the category “2 or more races” includes persons who reported more than one of the five racial groups in the 1997 Standards or one of the five racial groups and “Some other race.” Prior to data year 1999, estimates for the race categories shown include persons who reported one race or who reported more than one race and identified one race as best representing their race; and the category “Asian only” includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander. Because of the differences between the two Standards, race-specific estimates starting with data year 1999 are not strictly comparable with estimates for earlier years. To estimate change between 1998 and 1999, race-specific estimates for 1999 based on the 1977 Standards can be used. In comparison with the 1999 estimates based on the 1997 Standards, estimates of the age-adjusted percent with fair or poor health based on the 1977 Standards are: identical for the white and black groups; 0.1 percentage points lower for the Asian and Pacific Islander group; and 0.8 percentage points higher for the AI/AN group.

⁶Prior to 1997 poverty status is based on family income and family size using Bureau of the Census poverty thresholds. Beginning in 1997 poverty status is based on family income, family size, number of children in the family, and for families with two or fewer adults the age of the adults in the family. Poor persons are defined as below the poverty threshold. Near poor persons have incomes of 100 percent to less than 200 percent of the poverty threshold. Nonpoor persons have incomes of 200 percent or greater than the poverty threshold. See Appendix II, Family income; Poverty level. Missing family income data were imputed for 16–18 percent of persons in 1991 and 1995. See Appendix II, Family income for information on imputation process. Poverty status was unknown for 20 percent of persons in the sample in 1997, 25 percent in 1998, 28 percent in 1999, and 27 percent in 2000.

⁷MSA is metropolitan statistical area.

SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey, family core questionnaire.